

## *Hospital Comments on Quality and Cost*

### **Stroke**

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#### **Berkshire Medical Center**

2006 - BMC is the only hospital in the United States to receive the Stroke Sustained Performance Achievement Award as part of the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines initiative.

#### **Brockton Hospital**

Brockton Hospital is a designated Primary Stroke Center by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Data on patient outcomes and processes of care is submitted to the SCORE Collaborative. Brockton Hospital rates compare favorably with other hospitals submitting data.

#### **Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center**

Stroke: 23/162

#### **Cooley Dickinson Hospital**

Five stroke patients were on Hospice. An additional 10 were DNR, with 2 of those patients awaiting Hospice consult when they expired.

#### **Lahey Clinic**

Lahey Clinic is recognized by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health as a regional center of excellence in caring for stroke patients. We measure and monitor the quality of stroke care on an ongoing basis.

#### **Massachusetts General Hospital**

The MGH Stroke Service has been an innovator in both acute stroke care and stroke quality improvement. The service provides tertiary care interventions for acute ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke for the most severely impaired patients across Massachusetts and the New England border states. We receive these patients by both ground and air ambulance for intravenous, surgical and catheter-based interventions for ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke. In light of the complexity of our stroke patients and high technology services that we provide for many of our patients, higher costs are not surprising. We have championed the MA-DPH Primary Stroke Service designation initiative and the American Heart Association's Get with the Guidelines - Stroke national initiative to improve the quality of hospital-based ischemic stroke care, and have been recognized with a Performance Achievement Award for high compliance rates in 7 key areas.

#### **Winchester Hospital**

Winchester Hospital's mortality rate is statistically consistent with expectations, and our estimated cost per procedure is within the lowest 25% of hospitals in the study.